



Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

**NOTICE OF CHANGE TO
DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS MANUAL**

Chapter 5, Article 47, Integrated Housing

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The purpose of this document is to provide Department Operations Manual (DOM) holders with information regarding revisions to Chapter 5, Article 47, Integrated Housing. This new Article has been developed in response to litigation challenging the Department's policy of using race as the primary factor in housing its inmate population. This case has been reviewed by the United States Supreme Court, who remanded it back to the California Court of Appeals to apply a "strict scrutiny" standard to the Department's housing policy. To avoid further litigation, the Department negotiated a settlement agreement with plaintiffs to achieve as high a degree of integrated inmate housing as can be safely achieved throughout the state. A companion package that revised Title 15 regulations to authorize the implementation of this policy has been approved and adopted.

Please inform all persons concerned of the contents of this notice, which shall be maintained and the information contained in this document utilized, until it is incorporated into the next updated DOM. Please direct any inquiries regarding this notice to Timothy M. Lockwood, Chief, Regulation and Policy Management Branch, at (916) 341-7390.

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